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Cindy Darling, Restoration Coordinator
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SUBJECT: Wetlands Public Access Demonstration Project

Dear Ms. Darling:

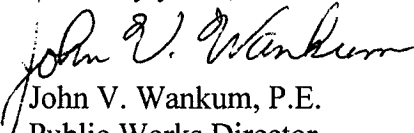
I am writing in support of Matterhorn California's CALFED proposal to create a wetlands public access demonstration parking lot, upland bay trail, and boardwalk with the City of American Canyon's wetlands restoration area on the east side of the Napa River. This project is both a water quality device and a wetlands interpretive/educational access facility.

The project will demonstrate and evaluate a number of technologies of permeable paving as best management practices in wetlands access. Permeable paving of parking lots and trails helps to improve/restore water quality and also reduces peak flood run-off. The project's use of non-invasive, environmentally sustainable materials and construction techniques is an extremely valuable contribution to Bay-Delta wetlands restoration programs.

The proposed demonstration project will have important benefits not only to the preservation of the local wetlands, but also to local and upstream education. The demonstration site will be at one of the planned access points to the American Canyon tidal wetlands, and it will also serve as an interpretive center with kiosk and viewing area. Approval of a site on City property is subject to action of the City of American Canyon City Council. The project also complements and helps to implement the City of American Canyon project currently funded by CALFED, the South Napa River Tidal Slough and Floodplain Restoration Project.

The City of American Canyon appreciates your consideration of Matterhorn's proposal. Please feel free to contact me at (707) 647-4366 if you have questions or comments.

Sincerely yours,


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Public Works Director

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